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## T O D A Y



Dear Citizens,  
Are you looking  
for ideas to keep  
your children  
mentally and  
physically active  
during their  
Summer Break?  
Or, are you  
looking for fun

activities that your entire family can  
do together? Euless has many summer  
events planned. There are outdoor  
concerts, movies in the park, day  
camps for kids, classes for children  
and adults, animal presentations at the  
library and much more!

Whether your kids like arts and  
crafts, reading, soccer, basketball,  
swimming, tumbling, ballet, Zumba,  
robots, computer coding and even  
online gaming – Euless has day  
camps and classes they'll love. Check  
out the Library Calendar and the  
latest edition of The Playbook (both  
available on the City's website) to get  
more details.

Of course, there are plenty of free  
things to do at our City's parks. You  
can have a picnic, play tennis or  
softball, ride your bike on the trails  
and let the kids explore the playground  
equipment or Splash Pad. And, don't  
forget all the fun you can have at  
the Aquatic Park and Natatorium.  
Whatever you choose to do, I hope  
you have a fun and safe summer!

*Linda Martin*



The Euless  
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### *Director of Parks and Community Services Named*

Duane Strawn has accepted the position of Director of Parks and Community Services for the City of Euless. He began working for the City of Euless on May 1. Duane has over 28 years' experience in the Parks and Recreation profession serving most recently as the Director of Parks, Arts and Recreation for the City of Grand Prairie. He also held the position of Assistant Director of Park, Arts and Recreation prior to his promotion and served in a similar role for the City of Amarillo.

As Director of Parks and Community Services, Strawn will lead and direct the overall activities of the Euless Family Life Center including the recreation center, senior center, natatorium and aquatic park, as well as the Parks at Texas Star and the citywide park system. He will serve as the liaison to the Parks and Leisure Services Board and the Historical Preservation Committee.

Duane holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Landscape Architecture from Texas Tech University and is a registered Landscape Architect. He is a Certified Park and Recreation Executive through the National Recreation and Park Association and an active member of the Texas Recreation and Park Society. Please join us in welcoming Duane to the City of Euless.



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## City of Euless Pavement Management

The City of Euless oversees and maintains approximately 140 centerline miles of paved public roadways. The condition and reliability of these public roadways are the responsibility of the City's Public Works Department. To help accomplish this task, Public Works utilizes an independent third-party Pavement Condition Index (PCI) program. Originally developed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, PCI is a numerical index between 0 (worst) and 100 (best), which is used to indicate the general condition of a pavement section and the performance of our road infrastructure. Multiple factors affect the City's PCI score. These include pavement age, climate and precipitation, traffic loads and available maintenance funding.

The PCI helps City staff track the service life of our public road network, and in turn, prioritize roads that need to be re-paved. This grading system helps staff identify roads which could benefit from pavement maintenance treatments, like surface sealants, which help extend service life of a road and avoid the need for more extensive rehabilitation projects. It helps City staff determine which streets to include in the upcoming year's plan and what type of treatment to utilize to gain the most cost-effective benefit. The recommended treatment based on the PCI score could range from applying slurry seal to extend the life up to complete reconstruction in cases where the subgrade is no longer suitable for other maintenance options. This information is presented to the City Council as part of the annual budget process.

The most recent PCI assessment was completed in 2022. The overall results of the assessment found the City's public roadways are in very good condition, with an above industry average PCI. While this is good news, due to inflationary pressures, the City Council has worked to annually increase the funding for street maintenance in order to ensure that the current condition is maintained with a goal of achieving an overall improvement with each new assessment, which is completed at least every five years. The Pavement Condition Index is a simple, convenient and inexpensive way to monitor the condition of the surface of roads, identify maintenance and rehabilitation needs, and ensure that road maintenance budgets are spent wisely.

## 2023 EULESS JUNIOR FIRE ACADEMY

June 19th - 23rd, 2023

- Cost - \$65 Per Child
- Ages 11-15
- Details & Application: <https://www.eulesstx.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/2742>

Send questions to [CSkinner@Eulesstx.gov](mailto:CSkinner@Eulesstx.gov)  
Submit application to 201 N. Ector Dr, Bldg. D



## Euless Junior Fire Academy

June 19 - 23, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. each day  
Fire Department Administration  
201 N. Ector Drive

Registration is open for the 2023 Euless Junior Fire Academy. Children ages 11 to 15 are invited to the day academy, which runs from June 19 to 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Students learn about teamwork, responsibility and leadership while enjoying exciting experiences in a fun atmosphere.

Activities include tours of the fire stations and apparatus, fire extinguisher training, first aid and CPR training, mock search and rescue drills, hose operations and much more. The cost of the 2023 Junior Fire Academy is \$65 and includes lunches, snacks and an academy T-shirt.

Please make checks payable to the "City of Euless" and write "Junior Fire Academy" on the memo line. Euless residents get priority access to the day camp. For more information and an application, email Cody Skinner at [cskinner@eulesstx.gov](mailto:cskinner@eulesstx.gov).

### SAVE THE DATE

Summer 2023

New Utility Bill Payment Platform

✓ Easier

✓ More options

Stay tuned for more information.





## Beat the Heat

Summer is here and the temperature is rising. As you plan your outdoor activities, remember that too much fun in the sun can lead to heat stroke or other heat-related health issues. Besides visiting the Eules Family Life Aquatic Park or the South Eules Park Splash Pad, there are ways you can enjoy being outdoors without endangering your health.

Tips from the National Institutes of Health to protect yourself from the sun:

- Do outdoor activities during the coolest part of the day, in the early morning or evening.
- Exercise in an air-conditioned space if possible, or do water workouts.
- Try to stay in the shade when outdoors during peak sunlight.
- Drink plenty of liquids, especially water.
- Avoid drinks that contain alcohol or caffeine.
- Wear protective clothing, such as hats, long-sleeve shirts and long pants to block out the sun's harmful rays. Choose light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- Use sunscreen that blocks both UVA and UVB radiation. Choose a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15, preferably 30. Reapply frequently.
- Use sunglasses that block both UVA and UVB.

Like people, too much time in extreme heat can be dangerous for pets. Pets with flat faces like Pugs and Persian cats, elderly animals and overweight pets are more susceptible to heat stroke.

Heat safety tips for pets:

- Don't leave pets in vehicles.
- Keep water bowls filled with fresh water.
- Limit outdoor activities.
- Keep paws off hot surfaces.
- Provide shade for outdoor pets, or better yet, bring them inside an air-conditioned building.

Follow these tips when it's hot outside, so that you, your family and your pets can enjoy this summer in good health.



## Get Advance Notice of Mosquito Treatments

It's summer and mosquitoes thrive in hot weather. Besides being irritating, they can also spread disease, such as West Nile virus, Zika virus and the St. Louis encephalitis virus.

The City of Eules traps mosquitoes weekly in different areas of the City. Tarrant County then tests those mosquitos for diseases. If a mosquito is positive for mosquito-borne illnesses, the City of Eules will then spray that area for mosquitos. Mosquito spraying is typically done after 10 p.m. when most people are indoors. Spraying will not take place when it's raining or when wind speeds are 10 mph or greater. During the spraying, you do not need to do anything special, since the spray droplets falling on the ground become inactive in just a few hours or with sunshine (UV light).

You can get advance, email notice of mosquito spraying in your neighborhood by signing up for "Community Alerts" at [www.eulesstx.gov/enotification](http://www.eulesstx.gov/enotification). For questions or concerns regarding mosquitos, please call Public Works at 817-685-1580.



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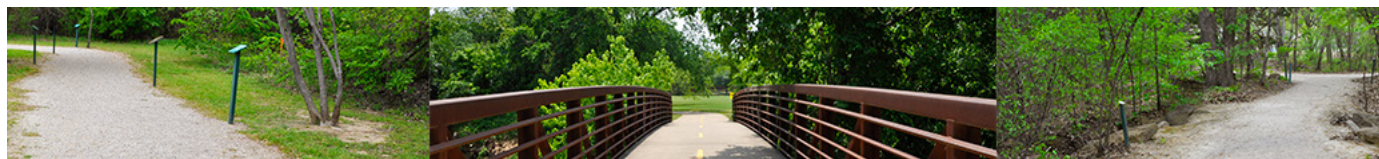
FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN AGES 1 - 18  
FOR MORE DETAILS CALL: 817-399-2120

fresh free favorites

LOCATIONS	ADDRESS	DATES	BREAKFAST TIMES	LUNCH TIMES
Eules Recreation Center	300 W. Midway Drive Eules, TX 76039	June 5th - July 28 (M-F)	Not Available	12:00- 12:30pm
Bell Manor Elementary	1300 Winchester Way Bedford, TX 76022	June 5th - June 29th (M-TH)	7:30am to 8:00am	11:00am to 12:30pm
Shady Oaks Elementary	1400 Cavender Drive Hurst, TX 76053	June 5th - June 29th (M-TH)	7:30am to 8:00am	11:00am to 12:30pm
Arbor Creek Elementary	701 International Drive Eules, TX 76039	June 5th - June 29th (M-TH)	7:30am to 8:00am	11:00am to 12:30pm
Oakwood Terrace Elementary	700 Ranger Dr. Eules, TX 76040	June 5th - June 29th (M-TH)	7:30am to 8:00am	11:00am to 12:30pm
Trinity Lakes Elementary	2520 S. Precinct Line Road Fort Worth, TX 76118	June 5th - June 29th (M-TH)	7:30am to 8:00am	11:00am to 12:30pm
Central Junior High	3191 W. Pipeline Road Eules, 76040	June 12th - July 7th (M-F)	7:00am to 7:30am	11:30 am to 1:00pm
L.D. Bell High School	1601 Brown Trail Hurst, TX 76054	June 5th - June 23rd (M-F)	7:30am to 8:15am	11:30 am to 1:00pm







## *Enjoying the Park Trails Safely*

The Euless park system contains over 7 miles of trails across 10-plus parks. These trails vary in width, even up to 8 feet across, using different materials from concrete to crushed limestone depending on the location and topography. Many of these trails connect with the system of sidewalks that crisscross the city. These mixed-use trails can be used for biking, walking, jogging and similar activities.

Euless trail users can make bicycle repairs right on the trail. The bike repair station is located along the Glade Parks trail near Rio Grande Boulevard. The fully-equipped, bicycle repair station includes all the tools necessary to perform basic bike repairs and maintenance, from changing a flat to adjusting brakes and derailleurs.

### Safety Tips

Here are some tips to stay safe while using our multi-use trails:

1. Bicyclists and runners must yield to walkers.
2. When passing another trail user, speak in a normal voice and announce your presence.
3. Bicyclists must be in control at all times.
4. All trail users must yield before crossing a trail.
5. Leashed pets should be kept to no more than 6 feet in length and you must clean up after your pets.
6. Stay on open trails and respect private property. Leave no trace and never scare animals.
7. Stick to lighted paths after dark.
8. Trail use is for everyone. Please do your part and always be alert, responsible and courteous.

## *HEB READS! 2023 Summer Challenge*

*May 20 – July 31    Register. Read. Get Prizes!*

The HEB Reads! Summer Reading Challenge has begun! Register now to start your summer reading challenge to read 2000 minutes. Sign up on the website, [HEBreads.readsquared.com](http://HEBreads.readsquared.com). You can track your summer reading progress by downloading and using the READsquared app, which is free in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

For every 500 minutes you read, you will get a digital badge and prize:

500 Minutes = Mini Pop Fidget Keychain or Mini Squishy Toy

1000 Minutes = FREE Book

1500 Minutes = Aquatic Pass

2000 Minutes = HEB Reads! Medal and Plush Toy

Complete the STEM Kit Mission to earn extra minute points

Get a STEM Kit from the Euless Public Library when you register (while supplies last). Anyone who loves to read is eligible to participate. Pick up your prizes from the Mary Lib Saleh Euless Public Library. To find out more about the program, visit [HEBreads.readsquared.com](http://HEBreads.readsquared.com) or call 817-685-1480.

## *Special Summer Events at the Library*

Make learning fun this summer with special events hosted by the Euless Public Library. All of these interactive events are free and are designed for children of all ages.

Take & Make Tuesdays are Back!

Visit the mobile Think Tank for a fun activity kit every Tuesday in June and July! Powered by HEB Reads!, this van makes stops throughout the HEB area every Tuesday and gives a free STEM kit to children.

For more details, visit [www.eulesstx.gov](http://www.eulesstx.gov).

Friday Programs at the Library:

- June 16 at 2 p.m., Monkey See Monkey Do – Children get to see animals up close and learn about them. They may even get to touch an animal from this Exotic Petting Zoo, Monkey See Monkey Do.
- June 23 at 2 p.m., Dino Bo – This introduction to dinosaurs teaches kids about the T-Rex, Triceratops, Raptors and more. Kids can even touch and explore real dinosaur fossils.
- June 30 at 2 p.m., Animal Adventures – This fun and educational event lets kids see real creatures up close as they learn about these animal ambassadors from the Dallas Zoo. For more information, call the Euless Public Library at 817-685-1480.